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***FIRM PROFILE:***

Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, is a fifty-plus attorney, AV-rated law firm founded in 1972 with offices in San Francisco, New York and Nashville. Lieff Cabraser has a diversified practice, successfully representing plaintiffs in the fields of personal injury and mass torts, securities fraud, employment discrimination and unlawful employment practices, product defect, antitrust, consumer protection, aviation, environmental and toxic exposure, and human rights. Our clients include individuals, classes or groups of persons, businesses, and public and private entities.

Lieff Cabraser has served as court-appointed Plaintiffs' Lead or Class Counsel in state and federal coordinated, multi-district, and complex litigation throughout the United States. With co-counsel, we have represented clients across the globe in cases filed in American courts. We have litigated and resolved thousands of individual lawsuits and hundreds of class and group actions, including some of the most important civil cases in the United States over the last decade.

Lieff Cabraser is among the largest firms in the United States that only represent plaintiffs. Described by *The American Lawyer* as "one of the nation's premier plaintiffs' firms," Lieff Cabraser enjoys a national reputation for professional integrity and the successful prosecution of our clients' claims. We possess sophisticated legal skills and the financial resources necessary for the handling of large, complex cases, and for litigating against some of the nation's largest corporations. We take great pride in the leadership roles our firm plays in many of this country's major cases, including those resulting in landmark decisions and precedent-setting rulings.

In the 2006 edition of its annual list of the plaintiffs' law firms "doing the most to shape the law," *The National Law Journal* selected Lieff Cabraser as one of the nation's top plaintiffs' firms. Lieff Cabraser was also a member of *The National Law Journal's* Plaintiffs' "Hot List"

from 2003 through 2005. We are one of only three plaintiffs' law firms in the nation to receive this award the last four years.

## **CASE PROFILES:**

### **A. Personal Injury and Products Liability Litigation**

Lieff Cabraser has obtained over \$400 million in verdicts, judgements and settlements for our clients in individual personal injury and wrongful death lawsuits. Since 1995, and working with co-counsel, we have achieved verdicts, judgements and settlements in excess of \$10 billion in product liability class action lawsuits.

We only represent plaintiffs. In many of these cases, we assisted our clients in persuading the corporate defendants to issue recalls or improve their safety procedures for the protection of all consumers and patients. Currently, we are prosecuting scores of lawsuits involving injuries and deaths from all types of negligent conduct, manufacturing errors and design defects. Our cases range from vehicle and aviation accidents to faulty medical devices. We also represent patients prescribed drugs with dangerous, undisclosed side effects and consumers sickened by contaminated food products.

Our successful personal injury and products liability cases, with the exception of aviation cases which are profiled separately, include:

1. ***Individual Vehicle Injury Lawsuits.*** Lieff Cabraser has an active practice prosecuting claims for clients injured, or the families of loved ones who have died, by the wrongful conduct of other drivers or due to unsafe and defective vehicles, tires and other automotive equipment. We are representing clients in actions involving fatalities and serious injuries due to rollover accidents of fifteen passenger vans and sports utility vehicles. Plaintiffs allege that the vans and SUVs were defectively designed because they pose an unreasonable risk of rollover during foreseeable driving conditions. We also represent clients in many other vehicle cases including ones where defective cruise control switches resulted in fires and design defects caused the vehicle to shifted suddenly from park into reverse.

In March 2007, in *Mraz v. DaimlerChrysler*, No. BC 332487 (Cal. Sup. Ct.), we obtained a \$54.4 million verdict, including \$50 million in punitive damages, against DaimlerChrysler for intentionally failing to cure a known defect in millions of its vehicles that led to the death of Richard Mraz, a young father. Mr. Mraz suffered fatal head injuries when the 1992 Dodge Dakota pickup truck he had been driving at his work site ran him over after he exited the vehicle believing it was in park. The jury found that a defect in the Dodge Dakota's automatic transmission, called a park-to-reverse defect, played a substantial factor in Mr. Mraz's death and that DaimlerChrysler was negligent in the design of the vehicle for failing

to warn of the defect and then for failing to adequately recall or retrofit the vehicle.

2. ***Fen-Phen (“Diet Drugs”) Litigation.*** Our firm continues to represent individuals pursuing personal injury claims due to injuries from the “Fen-Phen” diet drugs fenfluramine (sold as Pondimin) and/or dexfenfluramine (sold as Redux). We dedicate substantial resources and attention to these clients and are available for confidential consultations for anyone who ingested Redux or Pondimin.

We served as counsel for the plaintiff that filed the first nationwide class action lawsuit against the diet drug manufacturers alleging that they had failed to adequately warn physicians and consumers of risks associated with the drugs. Since the recall was announced in 1997, Lieff Cabraser has represented over 400 persons in individual actions who have suffered heart and/or lung damage, most often consisting of cardiac valve damage and/or Primary Pulmonary Hypertension, after ingesting Pondimin or Redux. In *In re Diet Drugs (Phentermine / Fenfluramine / Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 1203 (E.D. Pa.), the Court appointed Elizabeth J. Cabraser to the Plaintiffs’ Management Committee which organized and directed the Fen-Phen diet drugs litigation filed across the nation in federal courts. In August 2000, the Court approved a \$4.75 billion settlement offering both medical monitoring relief for persons exposed to the drug and compensation for persons with qualifying damage. Lieff Cabraser also served on the Plaintiffs’ Executive Committee in the California Coordinated Proceedings in California state court, and as class counsel in the State of Washington certified medical monitoring action.

3. ***Blood Factor VIII And Factor IX Litigation.*** Working with counsel in Asia, Europe, Central and South America and the Middle East, Lieff Cabraser represents hundreds of hemophiliacs worldwide, or their survivors and estates, who contracted HIV and/or Hepatitis C (HCV), and Americans with hemophilia who contracted HCV, from contaminated and defective blood factor products produced by American pharmaceutical companies. In 2004, Lieff Cabraser was appointed Plaintiffs’ Lead Counsel of the “second generation” Blood Factor MDL litigation presided over by Judge Grady in the Northern District of Illinois. This groundbreaking litigation follows upon a two-month trial directed by Richard M. Heimann in 2003 in California state court on behalf of a person with hemophilia who is HIV-positive.
4. ***In re Vioxx Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 1657 (E.D. La.). We represent patients that suffered heart attacks or strokes, and the families of loved ones who died, after having being prescribed the arthritis and pain medication Vioxx. In individual personal injury lawsuits against Merck, the manufacturer of Vioxx, our clients allege that Merck falsely

promoted the safety of Vioxx and failed to disclose the full range of the drug's dangerous side effects. In April 2005, in the federal multi-district litigation, the Court appointed Elizabeth J. Cabraser to the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee, which has the responsibility of conducting all pretrial discovery of Vioxx cases in Federal court and pursuing all settlement options with Merck. In August 2006, a federal jury in New Orleans found unanimously that Merck had failed to warn doctors about Vioxx's risks and was responsible for the heart attack suffered by retired FBI agent, Gerald Barnett and awarded \$51 million in damages. Lief Cabraser was co-counsel in the *Barnett* case. Lief Cabraser attorneys Don Arbitblit and Jennifer Gross participated in the trial, working closely with attorneys Mark Robinson and Andy Birchfield. The Court subsequently vacated the jury award and ordered a new trial. Lief Cabraser is continuing to work with co-counsel in the prosecution of the Federal court Vioxx cases.

5. ***In re Bextra/Celebrex Marketing Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation***, MDL 1699. Lief Cabraser serves as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel to oversee and direct all personal injury and consumer litigation now pending in Federal courts nationwide arising out of the sale and marketing of the COX-2 inhibitors Bextra, Celebrex, and Parecoxib manufactured by Pfizer, Inc and its predecessor companies Pharmacia Corporation and G.D. Searle, Inc. In this ongoing litigation, over 2,500 individuals have brought personal injury claims, and hundreds more individuals and institutions allege that Bextra, Celebrex, and Percocet were marketed deceptively. In addition to serving as Liaison Counsel, Lief Cabraser is also directly representing patients injured by Bextra, Celebrex, and Parecoxib.
6. ***Sulzer Hip and Knee Implants Litigation***. In December 2000, Sulzer Orthopedics, Inc., announced the recall of approximately 30,000 units of its Inter-Op Acetabular Shell Hip Implant, followed in May 2001 with a notification of failures of its Natural Knee II Tibial Baseplate Knee Implant. In coordinated litigation in California state court, *In re Hip Replacement Cases*, JCCP 4165, Lief Cabraser served as Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel and Co-Lead Counsel. In the federal litigation, *In re Sulzer Hip Prosthesis and Knee Prosthesis Liability Litigation*, MDL 1410, Lief Cabraser played a significant role in negotiating a revised settlement with Sulzer valued at more than \$1 billion. In May 2002, the Court granted final approval to the revised settlement. Lief Cabraser serves as Class Counsel for Subclass V of the settlement (class members with unrevised reprocessed Inter-Op shells).
7. ***In re Baycol Products Litigation***, MDL No. 1431 (D. Minn.). Baycol was one of a group of drugs called statins, intended to reduce cholesterol. In August 2001, Bayer A.G. and Bayer Corporation, the manufacturers of Baycol, withdrew the drug from the worldwide market based upon reports that Baycol was associated with serious side effects and linked to the

deaths of over 100 patients worldwide. In the federal multi-district litigation, Lief Cabraser serves as a member of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee (PSC) and the Executive Committee of the PSC. In addition, Lief Cabraser represented approximately 200 Baycol patients who have suffered injuries or family members of patients who died allegedly as a result of ingesting Baycol. In these cases, our clients reached confidential favorable settlements with Bayer.

8. ***Multi-State Tobacco Litigation.*** Lief Cabraser represented the Attorneys' General of Massachusetts, Louisiana and Illinois, several additional states, and 18 cities and counties in California, in litigation against Philip Morris, R.J. Reynolds and other cigarette manufacturers. The suits were part of the landmark \$206 billion settlement announced in November 1998 between the tobacco industry and the states' attorneys general. The states, cities and counties sought both to recover the public costs of treating smoking-related diseases and require the tobacco industry to undertake extensive modifications of its marketing and promotion activities in order to reduce teenage smoking. In California alone, Lief Cabraser's clients were awarded an estimated \$12.5 billion to be paid over the next 25 years.
9. ***In re Silicone Gel Breast Implants Products Liability Litigation,*** MDL No. 926 (N.D. Ala.). Lief Cabraser serves on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee and was one of five members of the negotiating committee which achieved a \$4.25 billion global settlement with certain defendants of the action. This was renegotiated in 1995, and is referred to as the Revised Settlement Program ("RSP"). Over 100,000 recipients have received initial payments, reimbursement for the explantation expenses and/or long term benefits.
10. ***In re Telectronics Pacing Systems Inc., Accufix Atrial "J" Leads Products Liability Litigation,*** MDL No. 1057 (S.D. Ohio). Lief Cabraser served on the court-appointed Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in a nationwide products liability action alleging that defendants placed into the stream of commerce defective pacemaker leads. In April 1997, the district court re-certified a nationwide class of "J" Lead implantees with subclasses for the claims of medical monitoring, negligence and strict product liability. A summary jury trial utilizing jury instructions and interrogatories designed by Lief Cabraser occurred in February 1998. A partial settlement was approved thereafter by the district court, but reversed by the Court of Appeals. In March 2001, the district court approved a renewed settlement that included a \$58 million fund to satisfy all past, present and future claims by patients for their medical care, injuries, or damages arising from the lead.
11. ***In re Felbatol Products Liability Litigation,*** MDL No. 1048 (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel and Plaintiffs' Liaison

Counsel in this nationwide litigation asserting medical monitoring, compensatory and punitive damages claims on behalf of 100,000 users of the anti-epilepsy drug Felbatol, who alleged present and potential injuries from its serious adverse effects, including liver failure and aplastic anemia. The nationwide Plaintiff class was certified on March 15, 1995; certification was vacated for further findings by the Ninth Circuit in *Valentino v. Carter-Wallace*, 97 F.3d 1277 (9th Cir. 1996), which affirmed the viability of nationwide mass tort class actions. The litigation was settled favorably on behalf of all major injury claimants in March 1997.

12. ***In re Cordis Pacemaker Product Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 850 (S.D. Ohio). Lieff Cabraser represented a certified nationwide class of Cordis pacemaker recipients on personal injury, emotional distress, fraud, equitable relief, and pacemaker explant compensation claims. In 1995, shortly before trial, Lieff Cabraser negotiated and obtained Court approval of a \$21 million settlement of the action.
13. ***In re Copley Pharmaceutical, Inc., "Albuterol" Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 1013 (D. Wyo.). Lieff Cabraser served on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in a class action lawsuit against Copley Pharmaceutical, which manufactured Albuterol, a bronchodilator prescription pharmaceutical. Albuterol was the subject of a nationwide recall in January 1994 after a microorganism was found to have contaminated the solution, allegedly causing numerous injuries including bronchial infections, pneumonia, respiratory distress and, in some cases, death. In October 1994, the district court certified a nationwide class on liability issues. *In re Copley Pharmaceutical*, 161 F.R.D. 456 (D. Wyo. 1995). In November 1995, the district court approved a \$150 million settlement of the litigation.

## **B. Securities and Investment Fraud**

1. ***In re Scorpion Technologies, Inc. Securities Litigation I***, No. C-93-20333-EAI (N.D. Cal.); ***Dietrich v. Bauer***, No. C-95-7051-RWS (S.D.N.Y.); ***Claghorn v. Edsaco***, No. 98-3039-SI (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in class action suits arising out of an alleged fraudulent scheme by Scorpion Technologies, Inc., certain of its officers, accountants, underwriters and business affiliates to inflate the company's earnings through reporting fictitious sales. In *Scorpion I*, the Court found plaintiffs had presented sufficient evidence of liability under Federal securities acts against the accounting firm Grant Thornton for the case to proceed to trial. *In re Scorpion Techs.*, 1996 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22294 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 27, 1996). In 1988, the Court approved a \$5.5 million settlement with Grant Thornton. In 2000, the Court approved a \$950,000 settlement with Credit Suisse First Boston Corporation. In April 2002, a federal jury in San Francisco, California returned a \$170.7 million



verdict against Edsaco Ltd. The jury found that Edsaco aided Scorpion in setting up phony European companies as part of scheme in which Scorpion reported fictitious sales of its software to these companies, thereby inflating its earnings. Included in the jury verdict, one of the largest verdicts in a securities fraud suit in the U.S. in 2002, was \$165 million in punitive damages. Richard M. Heimann conducted the trial for plaintiffs.

Following the *Edsaco* trial, the parties reached a settlement of the action on favorable monetary terms to the class, which included Edsaco's relinquishment of its right to appeal and the plaintiff's agreement to vacate the jury verdict. On June 14, 2002, U.S. District Court Judge Susan Illston commented on Lieff Cabraser's representation: "[C]ounsel for the plaintiffs did a very good job in a very tough situation of achieving an excellent recovery for the class here. You were opposed by extremely capable lawyers. It was an uphill battle. There were some complicated questions, and then there was the tricky issue of actually collecting anything in the end. I think based on the efforts that were made here that it was an excellent result for the class. . . . [T]he recovery that was achieved for the class in this second trial is remarkable, almost a hundred percent."

2. ***Merrill Lynch Fundamental Growth Fund and Merrill Lynch Global Value Fund, Inc., v. McKesson HBOC, Inc., et al.***, No. 02-405792 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as counsel for two Merrill Lynch mutual funds in a private lawsuit filed alleging that a massive accounting fraud occurred at HBOC & Company ("HBOC") before and following its 1999 acquisition by McKesson Corporation ("McKesson"). The funds charged that defendants, including the former CFO of McKesson HBOC, the name McKesson adopted after acquiring HBOC, artificially inflated the price of securities in McKesson HBOC, through misrepresentations and omissions concerning the financial condition of HBOC, resulting in approximately \$150 million in losses for plaintiffs. In a significant discovery ruling in 2004, the California Court of Appeal held that defendants waived the attorney-client and work product privileges in regard to an audit committee report and interview memoranda prepared in anticipation of shareholder lawsuits by disclosing the information to the U.S. Attorney and SEC. *McKesson HBOC, Inc. v. Superior Court*, 115 Cal. App. 4th 1229 (2004). In October 2005, the parties entered into a settlement on favorable terms to Merrill Lynch Funds.
3. ***Alaska State Department of Revenue, et al. v. America Online, Inc., et al.***, No. 1JU-04-503 (Alaska Sup. Ct.). In December 2006, a \$50 million settlement was reached in a securities fraud action brought by the Alaska State Department of Revenue, Alaska State Pension Investment Board and Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation against defendants America Online, Inc. ("AOL"), Time Warner Inc. (formerly known as AOL Time Warner



("AOLTW")), Historic TW Inc. When the action was filed, the Alaska Attorney General estimated the losses at \$70 million. The lawsuit, filed in 2004 in Alaska State Court, alleged that defendants misrepresented advertising revenues and growth of AOL and AOLTW along with the number of AOL subscribers, all of which was intended to, and did, artificially inflate the stock price of AOL and AOLTW to the detriment of Alaska State funds.

The Alaska Department of Law retained Lieff Cabraser to lead the litigation efforts under its direction. "We appreciate the diligence and expertise of our counsel in achieving an outstanding resolution of the case," said Mark Morones, spokesperson for the Department of Law, following announcement of the settlement.

4. ***Qwest Communications Securities Litigation.*** Lieff Cabraser represents the New York State Common Retirement Fund, Fire and Police Pension Association of Colorado, Denver Employees' Retirement Plan, San Francisco Employees' Retirement System, and over thirty separate Merrill Lynch Mutual Funds in individual securities fraud actions filed in federal court against Qwest Communications International, Inc., Philip F. Anschutz, former co-chairman of the Qwest board of directors and other senior executives at Qwest as well as Arthur Andersen LLP. In each action, defendants are charged with significantly overstating Qwest's publicly-reported growth, revenues, earnings, and earnings per share from 1999 through 2002. Defendants' unlawful conduct served to maintain Qwest's common share price at artificially high levels and enabled the individual defendants to sell Qwest common shares at inflated values.
5. ***In re Broadcom Corporation***, No. CV 06-3252-R (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as court-appointed Lead Counsel in a stockholders' derivative action against the board of directors of Broadcom Corporation. The suit alleges defendants intentionally manipulated their stock option grant dates between 1997 and at least the end of 2002 in order to enrich themselves at the expense of Broadcom and Broadcom shareholders. Defendants made it appear as if stock options were granted earlier than they actually were in order to maximize the value of the grant. By making it seem as if stock option grants occurred on dates when Broadcom stock was trading at a comparatively low per share price, Broadcom executives were able to exercise their stock option grants at exercise prices that were lower than the fair market value of Broadcom stock on the day the options were actually granted.
6. ***Albert, et al. v. Alex. Brown Management Services, Inc., et al.; Baker, et al. v. Alex. Brown Management Services, Inc., et al.*** (Del. Sup. Ct.). In May 2004, on behalf of investors in two investment funds controlled, managed and operated by Deutsche Bank and advised by DC Investment Partners, Lieff Cabraser filed lawsuits for alleged fraudulent conduct that

resulted in an aggregate loss of hundreds of millions of dollars. The suits name as defendants Deutsche Bank and its subsidiaries Alex Brown Management Services and Deutsche Bank Securities, members of the funds' management committee, as well as DC Investments Partners and two of its principles. Among the plaintiff-investors are 70 high net worth individuals.

7. ***Kofuku Bank Ltd. and Namihaya Bank Ltd. v. Republic New York Securities Corp., et al.***, No. 00 CIV 3298 (S.D.N.Y.); and ***Kita Hyogo Shinyo-Kumiai v. Republic New York Securities Corp., et al.***, No. 00 CIV 4114 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser represented Kofuku Bank, Namihaya Bank and Kita Hyogo Shinyo-Kumiai (a credit union) in individual lawsuits against, among others, Martin A. Armstrong and HSBC, Inc., the successor-in-interest to Republic New York Corporation, Republic New York Bank and Republic New York Securities Corporation for alleged violations of federal securities and racketeering laws. Through a group of interconnected companies owned and controlled by Armstrong – the Princeton Companies – Armstrong and the Republic Companies promoted and sold promissory notes, known as the “Princeton Notes,” to more than eighty of the largest companies and financial institutions in Japan. Lieff Cabraser’s lawsuits, as well as the lawsuits of dozens of other Princeton Note investors, alleged that the Princeton and Republic Companies made fraudulent misrepresentations and non-disclosures in connection with the promotion and sale of Princeton Notes, and that investors’ moneys were commingled and misused to the benefit of Armstrong, the Princeton Companies and the Republic Companies. In December 2001, the claims of our clients and those of the other Princeton Note investors were settled. As part of the settlement, our clients recovered more than \$50 million, which represented 100% of the value of their principal investments less money they received in interest or other payments.
8. ***Lehman Brothers/First Alliance Mortgage Litigation***, No. SA CV 01-971 (C.D. Cal.). On June 16, 2003, a federal jury in California held Lehman Brothers, Inc., liable for knowingly assisting First Alliance Mortgage Corporation in committing fraud. First Alliance was accused of misrepresenting the true cost of home loans and of charging borrowers as much as 24% in loan origination and other fees. The jury found that First Alliance systematically defrauded borrowers, and that Lehman Brothers aided and abetted the fraudulent scheme. The verdict showed that the community will hold Wall Street responsible for knowingly serving as a financial backer to abusive lenders. Lieff Cabraser partner Hector D. Geribon served as co-counsel in the trial for the plaintiffs. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed classwide liability against Lehman Brothers.

9. ***Allocco, et al. v. Gardner, et al.***, No. GIC 806450 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser represents Lawrence L. Garlick, the co-founder and former Chief Executive Officer of Remedy Corporation and 24 other former senior executives and directors of Remedy Corporation in a private (non-class) securities fraud lawsuit against Stephen P. Gardner, the former Chief Executive Officer of Peregrine Systems, Inc., John J. Moores, Peregrine's former Chairman of the Board, Matthew C. Gless, Peregrine's former Chief Financial Officer, Peregrine's accounting firm Arthur Andersen and certain entities that entered into fraudulent transactions with Peregrine. The lawsuit, filed in California state court, arises out of Peregrine's August 2001 acquisition of Remedy. Plaintiffs charge that they were induced to exchange their Remedy stock for Peregrine stock on the basis of false and misleading representations made by defendants. Within months of the Remedy acquisition, Peregrine began to reveal to the public that it had grossly overstated its revenue during the years 2000-2002, and eventually restated more than \$500 million in revenues.
10. ***In re National Century Financial Enterprises, Inc. Investment Litigation***, MDL 1565 (S.D. Ohio). Lieff Cabraser serves as Lead Counsel for the New York City Employees' Retirement System, Teachers' Retirement System for the City of New York, New York City Police Pension Fund, and New York City Fire Department Pension Fund in a securities fraud and breach of fiduciary duties lawsuit against Bank One, JPMorgan Chase Bank, Credit Suisse First Boston LLC, and additional defendants. The complaint charges that plaintiffs suffered \$89 million in losses as a result of a massive Ponzi scheme orchestrated and implemented by National Century Financial Enterprises and defendants. Lieff Cabraser reached settlements with several of the defendants for the benefit of the Funds and continues to prosecute the case against the non-settling defendants.
11. ***In re Network Associates, Inc. Securities Litigation***, No. C-99-1729-WHA (N.D. Cal.). Following a competitive bidding process, the Court appointed Lieff Cabraser as Lead Counsel for the Lead Plaintiff and the class of investors. The complaint alleged that Network Associates improperly accounted for acquisitions in order to inflate its stock price. In May 2001, the Court granted approval to a \$30 million settlement.

In reviewing the *Network Associates* settlement, U.S. District Court Judge William H. Alsop observed, "[T]he class was well served at a good price by excellent counsel . . . We have class counsel who's one of the most foremost law firms in the country in both securities law and class actions. And they have a very excellent reputation for the conduct of these kinds of cases and their experience and views . . ."

12. ***In re California Micro Devices Securities Litigation***, No. C-94-2817-VRW (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Liaison Counsel for the

Colorado Public Employees' Retirement Association and the California State Teachers' Retirement System, and the class they represented. Prior to 2001, the Court approved \$19 million in settlements. In May 2001, the Court approved an additional settlement of \$12 million, which, combined with the earlier settlements, provided class members an almost complete return on their losses. The settlement with the company included multi-million dollar contributions by the former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

Commenting in 2001 on Lief Cabraser's work in *Cal Micro Devices*, U.S. District Court Judge Vaughn R. Walker stated, "It is highly unusual for a class action in the securities area to recover anywhere close to the percentage of loss that has been recovered here, and counsel and the lead plaintiffs have done an admirable job in bringing about this most satisfactory conclusion of the litigation." One year later, in a related proceeding and in response to the statement that the class had received nearly a 100% recovery, Judge Walker observed, "That's pretty remarkable. In these cases, 25 cents on the dollar is considered to be a magnificent recovery, and this is [almost] a hundred percent."

13. ***In re FPI/Agretech Securities Litigation***, MDL No. 763 (D. Haw., Real, J.). Lief Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel on behalf of multiple classes of investors defrauded in a limited partnership investment scheme. The Court approved \$15 million in partial pretrial settlements. At trial, the jury returned a \$25 million verdict, which included \$10 million in punitive damages plus costs, interest, and attorneys' fees, against non-settling defendant Arthur Young & Co. on securities and tort claims arising from its involvement in the fraud. Richard M. Heimann served as Lead Trial Counsel in the class action trial. On appeal, the compensatory damages judgment was affirmed and the case was remanded for retrial on punitive damages. In December 1994, the Court approved a \$17 million class settlement with Ernst & Young.
14. ***Informix/Illustra Securities Litigation***, No. C-97-1289-CRB (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser represented Richard H. Williams, the former Chief Executive Officer and President of Illustra Information Technologies, Inc. ("Illustra"), and a class of Illustra shareholders in a class action suit on behalf of all former Illustra securities holders who tendered their Illustra preferred or common stock, stock warrants or stock options in exchange for securities of Informix Corporation ("Informix") in connection with Informix's 1996 purchase of Illustra. Pursuant to that acquisition, Illustra stockholders received Informix securities representing approximately 10% of the value of the combined company. The complaint alleged claims for common law fraud and violations of Federal securities law arising out of the acquisition. In October 1999, U.S. District Judge Charles E. Breyer approved a global settlement of the litigation for \$136 million, constituting one of the largest settlements ever involving a high technology company

alleged to have committed securities fraud. Our clients, the Illustra shareholders, received approximately 30% of the net settlement fund.

15. ***In re Media Vision Technology Securities Litigation***, No. CV-94-1015 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action lawsuit which alleged that certain of Media Vision's officers, outside directors, accountants and underwriters engaged in a fraudulent scheme to inflate the company's earnings, and issued false and misleading public statements about the company's finances, earnings and profits. By 1998, the Court had approved several partial settlements with many of Media Vision's officers and directors, accountants and underwriters which totalled \$31 million. The settlement proceeds have been distributed to eligible class members. The evidence that Lieff Cabraser developed in the civil case led prosecutors to commence an investigation and ultimately file criminal charges against Media Vision's former Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. The civil action against Media Vision's CEO and CFO was stayed pending the criminal proceedings against them. In the criminal proceedings, the CEO pled guilty on several counts, and the CFO was convicted at trial. In October, 2003, the Court granted Plaintiffs' motions for summary judgment and entered a judgment in favor of the class against these two defendants in the amount of \$188 million.
16. ***Nguyen v. FundAmerica***, No. C-90-2090 MHP (N.D. Cal., Patel, J.), 1990 Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) ¶¶ 95,497, 95,498 (N.D. Cal. 1990). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Class Counsel in this securities/RICO/tort action seeking an injunction against alleged unfair "pyramid" marketing practices and compensation to participants. The District Court certified a nationwide class for injunctive relief and damages on a mandatory basis and enjoined fraudulent overseas transfers of assets. The Bankruptcy Court permitted class proof of claims. Lieff Cabraser obtained dual District Court and Bankruptcy Court approval of settlements distributing over \$13 million in FundAmerica assets to class members.
17. ***In re First Capital Holdings Corp. Financial Products Securities Litigation***, MDL No. 901 (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action brought to recover damages sustained by policyholders of First Capital Life Insurance Company and Fidelity Bankers Life Insurance Company policyholders resulting from the insurance companies' allegedly fraudulent or reckless investment and financial practices, and the manipulation of the companies' financial statements. This policyholder settlement generated over \$1 billion in restored life insurance policies, and was approved by both federal and state courts in parallel proceedings and then affirmed by the Ninth Circuit on appeal.
18. ***In re Precious Metals Dealers/Safrabank Securities Litigation***, MDL No. 804 (C.D. Cal.) Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel for a class of

purchasers who were allegedly fraudulently induced to purchase precious metal through similar high pressure sales pitches. The case resulted in a \$10 million settlement.

**C. Employment Discrimination and Unfair Employment Practices**

1. ***Butler v. Home Depot***, No. C94-4335 SI (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represented a class of approximately 25,000 female employees and applicants for employment with Home Depot's West Coast Division who alleged gender discrimination in connection with hiring, promotions, pay, job assignment, and other terms and conditions of employment. The class was certified in January 1995. In January 1998, the Court approved a \$87.5 million settlement of the action that included comprehensive injunctive relief over the term of a five-year Consent Decree. Under the terms of the settlement, Home modified its hiring, promotion, and compensation practices to ensure that interested and qualified women were hired for, and promoted to, sales and management positions.

On January 14, 1998, U.S. District Judge Susan Illston commented that the settlement provides "a very significant monetary payment to the class members for which I think they should be grateful to their counsel...Even more significant is the injunctive relief that's provided for . . ." By 2003, the injunctive relief created thousands of new job opportunities in sales and management positions at Home Depot, generating the equivalent of over approximately \$100 million per year in wages for female employees.

In 2002, Judge Illston stated that the injunctive relief has been a "win/win" . . . for everyone, because . . . the way the Decree has been implemented has been very successful and it is good for the company as well as the company's employees.

2. ***In Re Farmers Insurance Exchange Claims Representatives' Overtime Pay Litigation***, MDL No. 1439 (D. Or.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represent personal lines claims representatives of Farmers' Insurance Exchange seeking unpaid overtime. In November 2003, after a three week liability phase trial, the Court held that Farmers' claims adjusters who handle auto and low level property claims are entitled to overtime. 300 F. Supp. 2d 1020 (2003). The Court further found that Farmers' actions were willful and were not taken in good faith, entitling the workers to liquidated damages. In January and May 2005, the Court entered judgments totaling \$52.5 million against Farmers, the largest judgments ever entered as the result of the trial of a Fair Labor Standards Act case. In October 2006, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals reverse the judgment for plaintiffs under the Fair Labor Standards Act and the laws of New Mexico, Illinois, Michigan, and Washington, and remanded the case for further proceedings under the laws of Minnesota, Oregon, and Colorado. Plaintiffs filed a request for rehearing and a petition for rehearing en banc.



3. ***Rosenburg, et al. v. IBM***, No. C06-0430 JDC (N.D. Cal.). In July 2007, the Court granted final approval to a \$65 million settlement of a class action suit by current and former technical support workers for IBM seeking unpaid overtime. The settlement constitutes a record amount in litigation seeking overtime compensation for employees in the computer industry. Plaintiffs alleged that IBM illegally misclassified its employees who install or maintain computer hardware or software as “exempt” from the overtime pay requirements of federal and state labor laws.
4. ***Satchell, et al. v. FedEx Express***, No. C 03-2659 SI; C 03-2878 SI (N.D. Cal.). In April 2007, the parties reached a \$54.9 million settlement of the race discrimination class action lawsuit by African American and Latino employees of FedEx Express. The settlement requires FedEx to reform its promotion, discipline, and pay practices. Under the settlement, FedEx will implement multiple steps to promote equal employment opportunities, including making its performance evaluation process less discretionary, discarding use of the "Basic Skills Test" as a prerequisite to promotion into certain desirable position, and submitting policy changes to demonstrate that its revised practices do not continue to foster racial discrimination. The settlement, covering 20,000 hourly employees and operations managers who have worked in the western region of FedEx Express since October 1999, will be submitted to the Court for preliminary approval on April 13, 2007.
5. ***Amochaev et al. v. Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., d/b/a Smith Barney***, No. C05-1298 PJH (N.D. Cal.). Female Financial Consultants allege Smith Barney discriminated against them in account distribution, business leads, referral business, partnership opportunities, and sales support. The suit is brought on behalf of a national class of all female Financial Consultants employed at Smith Barney since August 30, 2003, and a California subclass of all female Financial Consultants employed at Smith Barney in California since June 25, 2003. Lieff Cabraser serves as co-counsel for plaintiffs.
6. ***Gonzalez et al. v. Abercrombie & Fitch Stores, Inc. et al.***, No. C03-2817 SI (N.D. Cal.). In April 2005, the Court approved a settlement, valued at approximately \$50 million, which requires the retail clothing giant Abercrombie & Fitch to provide monetary benefits of \$40 million to the class of Latino, African American, Asian American and female applicants and employees who charged the company with discrimination. The settlement also requires the company to institute a range of policies and programs to promote diversity among its workforce and to prevent discrimination based on race or gender. Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel and prosecuted the case with a number of co-counsel firms, including the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.



7. ***Frank v. United Airlines, Inc.***, No. C-92-0692 MJJ (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel obtained a \$36.5 million settlement in February 2004 for a class of female flight attendants who were required to weigh less than comparable male flight attendants.

Former U.S. District Court Judge Charles B. Renfrew (ret.), who served as a mediator in the case, stated, “As a participant in the settlement negotiations, I am familiar with and know the reputation, experience and skills of lawyers involved. They are dedicated, hardworking and able counsel who have represented their clients very effectively.” U.S. District Judge Martin J. Jenkins, in granting final approval to the settlement, found “that the results achieved here could be nothing less than described as exceptional,” and that the settlement “was obtained through the efforts of outstanding counsel.”

8. ***Winnett, et al. v. Caterpillar, Inc.***, No. 3:06-cv-00235 (M.D. Tenn.). Lieff Cabraser serves as co-counsel representing retirees in a nationwide class action lawsuit against Caterpillar, Inc. In October 2004 Caterpillar began charging monthly premiums despite longstanding contracts that promise free healthcare to certain participants and their spouses. The lawsuit seeks to end these charges and restore the plaintiffs and similarly situated retirees to the position they would have been but for Caterpillar’s contractual violations. In July 2007, the Court granted the plaintiffs’ class certification request and designated the named plaintiffs as class representatives.
9. ***Barnett v. Wal-Mart***, No. 01-2-24553-SNKT (Wash.); ***Gamble v. Wal-Mart***, No. 7121-01 (N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel represent proposed classes of hourly wage earners at Wal-Mart in Washington and New York who allegedly have been forced to work “off-the-clock” (without pay). Plaintiffs, current and former Wal Mart employees, allege that, in violation of state wage and hour laws, Wal-Mart forces employees to work through breaks and to work without pay after they have clocked out. In October 2004, in the Washington Wal-Mart action, the Court certified a class of approximately 40,000 current and former Wal-Mart employees.
10. ***Holloway, et al. v. Best Buy***, No. C05-5036 PJH (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, represents a proposed class of current and former employees of Best Buy in a federal class action civil rights lawsuit. Plaintiffs allege that Best Buy stores nationwide discriminate against women and minorities, specifically African Americans and Latinos. These employees charge that they are paid less than white males, denied promotions, and assigned to less desirable positions. The suit also alleges that Best Buy discriminates against women and minorities in hiring decisions.

11. ***Giannetto v. Computer Sciences Corporation***, 03-CV-8201 (C.D. Cal.). In one of the largest overtime pay dispute settlements ever in the information technology industry, the Court in July 2005 granted final approval to a \$24 million settlement with Computer Sciences Corporation. Plaintiffs charged that the global conglomerate had a common practice of refusing to pay overtime compensation to its technical support workers involved in the installation and maintenance of computer hardware and software in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, California's Unfair Competition Law, and the wage and hour laws of 13 states.
12. ***Foster v. The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, Inc. ("A&P")***, No. 99 Civ. 3860 (CM) (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser, along with co-counsel, represented approximately 870 current and former employees of New York area supermarkets suing under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The Opt-In Plaintiffs in the certified collective action sought unpaid overtime compensation resulting from Defendants' alleged failure to compensate employees for work performed "off-the-clock." In May 2004, the Court approved a settlement providing \$3.11 million to the Opt-In Plaintiffs. In June 2004, current and former full-time hourly employees of The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company filed a new lawsuit against defendants in New York state court. The plaintiffs allege that defendants systematically failed to pay overtime wages and deleted hours worked from time records in violation of New York labor law. In July 2007, the Court certified the class of thousands of cashiers, clerks, bakers, deli and other hourly-paid workers.
13. ***Goddard, et al. v. Longs Drug Stores Corporation, et al.***, No. RG04141291 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Store managers and assistant store managers of Longs Drugs charged that the company misclassified them as exempt from overtime wages. Managers regularly worked in excess of 8 hours per day and 40 hours per week without compensation for their overtime hours. Following mediation, in 2005, Longs Drugs agreed to settle the claims for a total of \$11 million. Over 1,000 current and former Longs Drugs managers and assistant managers were eligible for compensation under the settlement, over 98% of the class submitted claims.
14. ***Zuckman v. Allied Group***, No. 02-5800 SI (N.D. Cal.). In September 2004, the Court approved a settlement with Allied Group and Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company of \$8 million plus Allied/Nationwide's share of payroll taxes on amounts treated as wages, providing plaintiffs a 100% recovery on their claims. Plaintiffs, claims representatives of Allied / Nationwide, alleged that the company misclassified them as exempt employees and failed to pay them and other claims representatives in California overtime wages for hours they worked in excess of eight hours or forty hours per week. In approving the settlement, U.S. District Court

Judge Susan Illston commended counsel for their “really good lawyering” and stated that they did “a splendid job on this” case.

15. ***Trotter v. Perdue Farms, Inc.***, No. C 99-893-RRM (JJF) (MPT) (D. Del.). Lief Cabraser represented a class of chicken processing employees of Perdue Farms, Inc., one of the nation’s largest poultry processors, for wage and hour violations. The suit challenged Perdue’s failure to compensate its assembly line employees for putting on, taking off, and cleaning protective and sanitary equipment in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act, various state wage and hour laws, and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. Under a settlement approved by the Court in 2002, Perdue paid \$10 million for wages lost by its chicken processing employees and attorneys’ fees and costs. The settlement was in addition to a \$10 million settlement of a suit brought by the Department of Labor in the wake of Lief Cabraser’s lawsuit.
16. ***Sandoval v. Mountain Center, Inc., et al.*** No. 03CC00280 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Cable installers in California charged that defendants owed them overtime wages, as well as damages for missed meal and rest breaks and reimbursement for expenses incurred on the job. In 2005, the Court approved a \$7.2 million settlement of the litigation, which was distributed to the cable installers who submitted claims.
17. ***Gottlieb v. SBC Communications***, No. CV-00-04139 AHM (MANx) (C.D. Cal.). With co-counsel, Lief Cabraser represented current and former employees of SBC and Pacific Telesis Group (“PTG”) who participated in AirTouch Stock Funds, which were at one time part of PTG’s salaried and non-salaried savings plans. After acquiring PTG, SBC sold AirTouch, which PTG had owned, and caused the AirTouch Stock Funds that were included in the PTG employees’ savings plans to be liquidated. Plaintiffs alleged that in eliminating the AirTouch Stock Funds, and in allegedly failing to adequately communicate with employees about the liquidation, SBC breached its duties to 401k plan participants under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act. In 2002, the Court granted final approval to a \$10 million settlement .
18. ***Thomas v. California State Automobile Association***, No. CH217752 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). With co-counsel, Lief Cabraser represented 1,200 current and former field claims adjusters who worked for the California State Automobile Association (“CSAA”). Plaintiffs alleged that CSAA improperly classified their employees as exempt, therefore denying them overtime pay for overtime worked. In May 2002, the Court approved an \$8 million settlement of the case.
19. ***Church v. Consolidated Freightways***, No. C90-2290 DLJ (N.D. Cal.). Lief Cabraser was the Lead Court-appointed Class Counsel in this class action on behalf of the exempt employees of Emery Air Freight, a freight

forwarding company acquired by Consolidated Freightways in 1989. On behalf of the employee class, Lieff Cabraser prosecuted claims for violation of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the securities laws, and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. The case settled in 1993 for \$13.5 million.

20. ***Buttram v. UPS, Inc.***, No. C-97-01590 MJJ (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser and several co-counsel represented a class of approximately 14,000 African-American part-time hourly employees of UPS's Pacific and Northwest Regions alleging race discrimination in promotions and job advancement. In 1999, the Court approved a \$12.14 million settlement of the action. Under the injunctive relief portion of the settlement, among other things, Class Counsel continues to monitor the promotions of African-American part-time hourly employees to part-time supervisor and full-time package car driver.
21. ***Lyon v. TMP Worldwide, Inc.***, No. 993096 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel for a class of certain non-supervisory employees in an advertising firm. The settlement, approved in 2000, provided almost a 100% recovery to class members. The suit alleged that TMP failed to pay overtime wages to these employees.
22. ***Kahn v. Denny's***, No. BC177254 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser brought a lawsuit alleging that Denny's failed to pay overtime wages to its General Managers and Managers who worked at company-owned restaurants in California. The Court approved a \$4 million settlement of the case in 2000.
23. ***Giles v. Allstate***, JCCP Nos. 2984 and 2985. Lieff Cabraser represented a class of Allstate insurance agents seeking reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs. The action settled for approximately \$40 million.
24. ***Bogan v. Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.***, No. CIV 00-0440-S-BLW (D. Idaho). Lieff Cabraser, along with co-counsel, represents a nationwide class of women production associates who allegedly have been discriminated against on the basis of sex with respect to promotions and compensation, and who allegedly have been subjected to rampant sexual harassment. In 2002, the Court approved a settlement that included comprehensive injunctive relief.
25. ***Dupree v. The Prudential Insurance Co., et al.***, No. 99-8337-CIV (AJJ) (S.D. Fla.) With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represents a group of retired employees of Prudential who are participants in Prudential's Retirement Plan. The Plan provides pension benefits to thousands of retirees who used to work for Prudential. Those benefits are protected by a federal statute called the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), which was enacted by Congress to prevent employers from exercising

improper control over the assets of their retirement plans. The plaintiff retirees allege that Prudential violated ERISA by using (and continuing to use) the Retirement Plan's assets to benefit Prudential, instead of its retirees. Trial commenced on February 17, 2004, and concluded in March. The Court heard closing arguments on January 20, 2005. Plaintiffs request that the Court make Prudential restore to all Plan participants the funds allegedly taken out of the Retirement Plan in violation of the law.

Lieff Cabraser attorneys have also had experience working on several other employment cases, including cases involving race, gender, and age discrimination, ERISA, breach of contract claims, and wage/hour claims. Lieff Cabraser attorneys frequently write amici briefs on cutting-edge legal issues involving employment law. Lieff Cabraser is currently investigating charges of race, gender and/or age discrimination, and wage/hour violations against several companies. In 2004, Kelly M. Dermody was included by *The Recorder* in a list of the best employment lawyers in the San Francisco Bay Area, and has also been selected as a *Northern California Super Lawyer*.

#### **D. Consumer Protection**

1. ***Sutter Health Uninsured Pricing Cases***, J.C.C.P. No. 4388. Plaintiffs alleged that they and a Class of uninsured patients treated at Sutter hospitals were charged substantially more than patients with private or public insurance, and many times above the cost of providing their treatment. In December 2006, the Court granted final approval to a comprehensive and groundbreaking settlement of the action. As part of the settlement, Class members will be entitled to make a claim for refunds or deductions of between 25% to 45% from their prior hospital bills, at an estimated total value of \$276 million. For the next three years, Sutter will maintain discounted pricing policies for uninsureds that will make Sutter's pricing for uninsureds comparable to or better than the pricing for patients with private insurance. In addition, Sutter agreed to maintain more compassionate collections policies that will protect uninsureds who fall behind in their payments. Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel in the coordinated action.
2. ***Catholic Healthcare West Cases***, J.C.C.P. No. 4453. Plaintiff alleged that Catholic Healthcare West ("CHW") charged uninsured patients excessive fees for treatment and services, at rates far higher than the rates charged to patients with private insurance or on Medicare. In January 2007, the Court approved a settlement that provides discounts, refunds and other benefits for CHW patients valued at \$423 million. The settlement requires that CHW lower its charges and end price discrimination against all uninsured patients, maintain generous charity case policies allowing low-income uninsureds to receive free or heavily discounted care, and protect uninsured patients from unfair collections practices. Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel in the coordinated action.

3. ***Ricci v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company***, No. 27-CV-05-2546 (Minn. District Court). Lieff Cabraser serves as Plaintiffs' Lead Counsel for a certified class of Minnesota property owners who obtained mortgage loans from Ameriquest Mortgage Company. Plaintiffs charge that Ameriquest has engaged in a deceptive and unlawful business practices in violation of Minnesota law. Plaintiffs allege that Ameriquest trains its sales force to target economically vulnerable persons in a predatory lending scheme based on the sale of loans with illegal and undisclosed fees and terms.
4. ***Morris v. AT&T Wireless Services, Inc.***, No. C-04-1997-MJP (W.D. Wash.). Lieff Cabraser served as class counsel for a nationwide settlement class of cell phone customers subjected to an end of billing cycle cancellation policy implemented by AT&T Wireless in 2003 and alleged to have breached customers' service agreements. In May 2006, the New Jersey Superior Court granted final approval to a class settlement that guarantees delivery to the class of \$40 million in benefits. Class members received cash-equivalent calling cards automatically, and had the option of redeeming them for cash. Lieff Cabraser had been prosecuting the class claims in the Western District of Washington when a settlement in New Jersey state court was announced. Lieff Cabraser objected to that settlement as inadequate because it would have only provided \$1.5 million in benefits without a cash option, and the court agreed, declining to approve it. Thereafter, Lieff Cabraser negotiated the new settlement providing \$40 million to the class, and the settlement was approved.
5. ***Strugano v. Nextel Communications, Inc.***, No. BC 288359 (Cal. Superior Court). In May 2006, the Los Angeles Superior Court granted final approval to a class action settlement on behalf of all California customers of Nextel from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 2002, for compensation for the harm caused by Nextel's alleged unilateral (1) addition of a \$1.15 monthly service fee and/or (2) change from second-by-second billing to minute-by-minute billing, which caused "overage" charges (*i.e.*, for exceeding their allotted cellular plan minutes). The total benefit conferred by the Settlement directly to Class Members was between approximately \$13.5 million and \$55.5 million, depending on which benefit Class Members selected. Class Counsel secured these benefits for a Class of approximately 308,000 customers with 1.1 million cell phone plans.
6. ***Thompson, et al. v. WFS Financial, Inc.***, No. 3-02-0570 (M.D. Tenn.) In November 2005, the Court granted final approval of the settlement of the action against WFS Financial alleging violations of the Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act and related state laws. The Court recognized the "innovative" and "remarkable settlement" achieved on behalf of a nationwide class of African and Hispanic American consumers. On behalf of a nationwide class, Lieff Cabraser and its co-counsel obtained a judgment that limits the amount of "mark-up" lenders can impose on



interest rates, putting it in a range to alleviate the discriminatory impact. It requires the lender to offer refinancing of \$1 billion of the outstanding loan balances in its overall portfolio to reduce by 1% the interest rates currently being charged. It requires dealers to disclose — up front and in the contracts — what has been hidden for decades, namely despite being presented with a qualifying rate, auto financing is still negotiable and that the dealer may be retaining a portion of the finance charges. Finally, it funds consumer education and assistance programs for Rainbow/PUSH, La Raza, and will establish fellowships for and loan forgiveness for young lawyers who seek to advance rights of consumers by taking public interest law jobs. The monetary benefit to the affected group provided by the settlement is estimated to be about \$49 million, with an incidental benefit to non-minority customers (for whom the markup caps also apply) of \$36 million.

7. ***Pakeman, et al. v. American Honda Finance Corporation***, No. 3-02-0490 (M.D. Tenn.) In April 2006, the Court granted final approval of a class settlement against American Honda Finance Corporation. Lief Cabraser, with its co-counsel, reached a settlement for a nationwide class of consumers raising claims under the Federal Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and related state law claims. The settlement provides that defendant establish a refinance program applicable to \$1 billion of its existing loan portfolio under which African and Hispanic Americans are eligible for a 1% reduction on their auto loan interest rate. The settlement also imposes a limit to the amount of “mark-up” lenders can impose on interest rates, increases the transparency of consumer disclosures, and funds consumer education programs. The monetary benefit to the class is estimated to be between about \$47 million to \$72 million.
8. ***Providian Credit Card Cases***, No. JCCP 4085 (San Francisco Superior Ct.). Lief Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for a certified national Settlement Class of Providian credit cardholders who alleged that Providian had engaged in widespread misconduct by charging cardholders unlawful, excessive interest and late charges, and by promoting and selling to cardholders “add-on products” promising illusory benefits and services. In November 2001, the Court granted final approval to a \$105 million settlement of the case, which also required Providian to implement substantial changes in its business practices. The \$105 million settlement, combined with an earlier settlement by Providian with Federal and state agencies, represents the largest settlement ever by a U.S. credit card company in a consumer protection case.
9. ***In re Tri-State Crematory Litigation***, MDL No. 1467 (N.D. Ga.). In March 2004, Lief Cabraser delivered opening statements and began testimony in a class action by families whose loved ones were improperly cremated and desecrated by Tri-State Crematory in Noble, Georgia. The families also asserted claims against the funeral homes that delivered the



decedents to Tri-State Crematory for failing to ensure that the crematory performed cremations in the manner required under the law and by human decency. One week into trial, settlements with the remaining funeral home defendants were reached and brought the settlement total to approximately \$37 million. Trial on the class members' claims against the operators of crematory began in August 2004. Soon thereafter, these defendants entered into a \$80 million settlement with plaintiffs. As part of the settlement, all buildings on the Tri-State property were razed. The property will remain in a trust so that it will be preserved in peace and dignity as a secluded memorial to those whose remains were mistreated, and to prevent crematory operations or other inappropriate activities from ever taking place there. Earlier in the litigation, the Court granted plaintiffs' motion for class certification in a published order. 215 F.R.D. 660 (2003).

10. ***California Title Insurance Industry Litigation.*** Lieff Cabraser, in coordination with parallel litigation brought by the Attorney General, reached settlements in 2003 and 2004 with the leading title insurance companies in California, resulting in historic industry-wide changes to the practice of providing escrow services in real estate closings. The settlements brought a total of \$50 million in restitution to California consumers, including cash payments. In the lawsuits, plaintiffs alleged, among other things, that the title companies received interest payments on customer escrow funds that were never reimbursed to their customers. The defendant companies include Lawyers' Title, Commonwealth Land Title, Stewart Title of California, First American Title, Fidelity National Title, and Chicago Title.
11. ***Kline v. The Progressive Corporation,*** Circuit No. 02-L-6 (Circuit Court of the First Judicial Circuit, Johnson County, Illinois). Lieff Cabraser served as settlement class counsel in a nationwide consumer class action challenging Progressive Corporation's private passenger automobile insurance sales practices. Plaintiffs alleged that the Progressive Corporation wrongfully concealed from class members the availability of lower priced insurance for which they qualified. In 2002, the Court approved a settlement valued at approximately \$450 million, which included both cash and equitable relief. The claims program, implemented upon a nationwide mail and publication notice program, was completed in 2003.
12. ***Citigroup Loan Cases,*** JCCP No. 4197 (San Francisco Superior Ct.). In 2003, the Court approved a settlement that provided approximately \$240 million in relief to former Associates' customers across America. Prior to its acquisition in November 2000, Associates First Financial, referred to as The Associates, was one of the nation's largest "subprime" lenders. Lieff Cabraser represented former customers of The Associates charging that the company added on mortgage loans unwanted and unnecessary

insurance products and engaged in improper loan refinancing practices. Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, served as nationwide Plaintiffs' Co-Liaison Counsel.

13. ***In re Ocwen Federal Bank FSB Mortgage Servicing Litigation***, MDL No. 1604 (Northern District of Illinois). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel in a nationwide class action against Ocwen Financial Corporation, Ocwen Federal Bank FSB, and their affiliates ("Ocwen"). This lawsuit arises out of charges against Ocwen of misconduct in servicing its customers' mortgage loans and in its provision of certain related services, including debt collection and foreclosure services.
14. ***Curry v. Fairbanks Capital Corporation***, No. 03-10895-DPW (D. Mass.). In 2004, the Court approved a \$55 million settlement of a class action lawsuit against Fairbanks Capital Corporation arising out of charges against Fairbanks of misconduct in servicing its customers' mortgage loans. The settlement also required substantial changes in Fairbanks' business practices and established a default resolution program to limit the imposition of fees and foreclosure proceedings against Fairbanks' customers. Lieff Cabraser served as nationwide Co-Lead Counsel for the homeowners.
15. ***In re Synthroid Marketing Litigation***, MDL No. 1182 (N.D. Ill.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for the purchasers of the thyroid medication Synthroid in litigation against Knoll Pharmaceutical, the manufacturer of Synthroid. The lawsuits charged that Knoll misled physicians and patients into keeping patients on Synthroid despite knowing that less costly, but equally effective drugs, were available. In 2000, the District Court gave final approval to a \$87.4 million settlement with Knoll and its parent company, BASF Corporation, on behalf of a class of all consumers who purchased Synthroid at any time from 1990 to 1999. In 2001, the Court of Appeals upheld the order approving the settlement and remanded the case for further proceedings. 264 F. 3d 712 (7th Circ. 2001). The settlement proceeds were distributed in 2003.
16. ***Reverse Mortgage Cases***, JCCP No. 4061 (San Mateo County Superior Ct., Cal.). Transamerica Corporation, through its subsidiary Transamerica Homefirst, Inc., sold "reverse mortgages" marketed under the trade name "Lifetime." The Lifetime reverse mortgages were sold exclusively to seniors, *i.e.*, persons 65 years or older. Lieff Cabraser, with co-counsel, filed suit on behalf of seniors alleging that the terms of the reverse mortgages were unfair, and that borrowers were misled as to the loan terms, including the existence and amount of certain charges and fees. In 2003, the Court granted final approval to an \$8 million settlement of the action.

17. ***In re American Family Enterprises***, MDL No. 1235 (D.N.J.). Lieff Cabraser served as co-lead counsel for a nationwide class of persons who received any sweepstakes materials sent under the name “American Family Publishers.” The class action lawsuit alleged that defendants deceived consumers into purchasing magazine subscriptions and merchandise in the belief that such purchases were necessary to win an American Family Publishers’ sweepstakes prize or enhanced their chances of winning a sweepstakes prize. In September 2000, the Court granted final approval of a \$33 million settlement of the class action. In April 2001, over 63,000 class members received refunds averaging over \$500 each, representing 92% of their eligible purchases. In addition, American Family Publishers agreed to make significant changes to the way it conducts the sweepstakes.
18. ***In re Sears Automotive Center Consumer Litigation***, Civ. No. C-92-2227 RHS (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel for a certified nationwide class of Sears auto center customers for purposes of approval of a combined injunctive relief/refund settlement. As part of the settlement, Sears distributed to class members merchandise coupons valued at \$25 million.
19. ***Roberts v. Bausch & Lomb***, Civ. No. 94-C-1144-W (N.D. Ala.). Lieff Cabraser was designated as one of several Class Counsel in November 1994 in this nationwide consumer fraud class action involving deceptive marketing of contact lenses. In 1996, the Court approved a settlement valued at \$68 million (\$34 million cash and \$34 million in eye care products).
20. ***In re Miracle Ear Consumer Litigation***, Civ. No. 94-1696 (4th Jud. Dist. Minn.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel in a nationwide class action certified in late 1994 involving claims arising from misrepresentations regarding performance of a hearing aid device. State courts in Minnesota and Alabama granted final approval to the nationwide settlement.

**E. Antitrust/Trade Regulation/Intellectual Property**

1. ***Natural Gas Antitrust Cases***, J.C.C.P. Nos. 4221, 4224, 4226 & 4228 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). In a landmark victory for California consumers and businesses, the Court approved a \$1.5 billion settlement in December 2003 of class action litigation against El Paso Natural Gas Co. Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel for residential and business consumers of natural gas. Plaintiffs charged that during the California energy crisis in 2000-2001, El Paso manipulated the market for natural gas pipeline transmission capacity into California to enable its energy trading subsidiary to acquire the capacity, and then used the capacity to drive up natural gas prices on the spot market. Approximately \$1 billion in cash

has been distributed to the class. In December 2006, the Court granted final approval to settlements with several defendants in the related price-indexing natural gas cases. These settlements total \$92.1 million.

2. ***Microsoft Private Antitrust Litigation.*** Representing businesses and consumers, Lieff Cabraser prosecuted multiple private antitrust cases against Microsoft Corporation in state courts across the country, including Florida, New York, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Plaintiffs alleged that Microsoft engaged in anticompetitive conduct and/or violated state deceptive and unfair business practices statutes to harm competition and monopolize the markets for Intel-compatible, personal computer operating system software, as well as word processing and spreadsheet software. In August 2006, the New York Supreme Court granted final approval to a settlement that makes available up to \$350 million in benefits for New York businesses and consumers. In August 2004, the Court in the North Carolina action granted final approval to a settlement valued at over \$89 million. In June 2004, the Court in the Tennessee action granted final approval to a \$64 million settlement. In November 2003, in the Florida Microsoft litigation, the Court granted final approval to a \$202 million settlement, one of the largest antitrust settlements in Florida history. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in the New York, North Carolina and Tennessee cases, and held leadership roles in the Florida case.
  
3. ***Wholesale Electricity Antitrust Cases I & II***, J.C.C.P. Nos. 4204 & 4205 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as co-lead counsel in the private class action litigation against Duke Energy Trading & Marketing Reliant Energy, and The Williams Companies for claims that the companies manipulated California's wholesale electricity markets during the California energy crisis of 2000-2001. Extending the landmark victories for California residential and business consumers of electricity, in September 2004, plaintiffs reached a \$206 million settlement with Duke Energy Trading & Marketing, and in August 2005, plaintiffs reached a \$460 million settlement with Reliant Energy, settling claims that the companies manipulated California's wholesale electricity markets during the California energy crisis of 2000-01. Lieff Cabraser earlier entered into a settlement for over \$400 million with The Williams Companies.
  
4. ***Azizian v. Federated Department Stores***, 3:03 CV 03359 SBA (N.D. Cal.). In March 2005, the Court granted final approval to a settlement that Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel reached with numerous department store cosmetics manufacturers and retailers. The settlement is valued at \$175 million and includes significant injunctive relief, for the benefit of a nationwide class of consumers of department store cosmetics. The complaint alleged the manufacturers and retailers violated antitrust law by engaging in anticompetitive practices to prevent discounting of department store cosmetics.

5. ***In re ATM Antitrust Litigation***, No. C-04-2676 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser represents a putative class of ATM users against a number of banks comprising the Star ATM Network, alleging that those banks conspired to fix the price of ATM interchange fees, thereby unlawfully inflating fees paid by ATM users in the network.
6. ***In re TFT-LCD (Flat Panel) Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1827 (N.D. Cal.). Representing direct purchasers of flat-panel TV screens and other products incorporating liquid crystal displays, Lieff Cabraser serves as one of two Interim Lead Counsel in nationwide class action litigation against the world's leading manufacturers of Thin Film Transistor Liquid Crystal Displays. TFT-LCDs are used in flat-panel televisions as well as computer monitors, laptop computers, mobile phones, personal digital assistants and other devices. The plaintiffs allege that from at least January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2005 defendants conspired to raise, fix and stabilize the prices of TFT-LCDs.
7. ***In re Static Random Access Memory (SRAM) Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1819 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser serves as one of four members of the Steering Committee for indirect purchasers of SRAM, which is used for a variety of applications, including on the motherboards of computers, as well as in cellular telephones, other handheld devices, and game consoles. In the nationwide class action, the plaintiffs allege that defendant manufacturers of SRAM conspired in restraint of trade to artificially raise, fix, maintain, and stabilize prices for SRAM, allocate markets for SRAM, and allocate production of SRAM.
8. ***In re Flash Memory Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1852. Lieff Cabraser is class counsel for purchasers of flash memory, which is commonly used in a variety of applications, including circuit boards, memory cards, digital cameras, USB storage devices, portable music players, mobile wireless technology, game consoles and personal computers. Plaintiffs allege that they have been deprived of free and open competition, and that prices for flash memory sold by defendants have been fixed, raised, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout the United States.
9. ***In re Publication Paper Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1631 (D. Conn.). Lieff Cabraser serve as class counsel in this nationwide antitrust class action on behalf of printing companies. Plaintiffs allege that the defendants, who are among the world's largest paper manufacturers, conspired illegally to fix the price of publication paper that is used to print magazines.
10. ***Spectrum Stores, Inc., et al. v. Citgo Petroleum Corp.***, H-06-3569 (S.D. Tex.). Lieff Cabraser serves as class counsel on behalf of direct purchasers of gasoline and other oil-based products from Citgo. The

plaintiffs allege antitrust damages for Citgo's participation in OPEC's oil cartel.

11. ***In re High Pressure Laminates Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1368 (S.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser served as Trial Counsel on behalf of a class of direct purchasers of high pressure laminates. The case in 2006 was tried to a jury verdict. The case settled for over \$40 million.
12. ***In re Buspirone Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1413 (S.D.N.Y.). In November 2003, Lieff Cabraser obtained a \$90 million cash settlement for individual consumers, consumer organizations, and third party payors that purchased BuSpar, a drug prescribed to alleviate symptoms of anxiety. Plaintiffs alleged that Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. (BMS), Danbury Pharmacal, Inc., Watson Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Watson Pharma, Inc. entered into an unlawful agreement in restraint of trade under which BMS paid a potential generic manufacturer of BuSpar to drop its challenge to BMS' patent and refrain from entering the market. Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Co-Lead Counsel.
13. ***In re Lupron Marketing and Sales Practices Litigation***, MDL No. 1430 (D. Mass.). In May 2005, the Court granted final approval to a settlement of a class action lawsuit by patients, insurance companies and health and welfare benefit plans that paid for Lupron, a prescription drug used to treat prostate cancer, endometriosis and precocious puberty. The settlement requires the defendants, Abbott Laboratories, Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited, and TAP Pharmaceuticals, to pay \$150 million, inclusive of costs and fees, to persons or entities who paid for Lupron from January 1, 1985 through March 31, 2005. Plaintiffs charged that the defendants conspired to overstate the drug's average wholesale price ("AWP"), which resulted in plaintiffs paying more for Lupron than they should have paid. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel.
14. ***California Vitamin Cases***, J.C.C.P. No. 4076 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Liaison Counsel and Co-Chairman of the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee on behalf of a class of California indirect vitamin purchasers in every level of the chain of distribution. In January 2002, the Court granted final approval of a \$96 million settlement with certain vitamin manufacturers in a class action alleging that these and other manufacturers engaged in price fixing of particular vitamins. In December 2006, the Court granted final approval to over \$8.8 million in additional settlements.
15. ***Ciprofloxacin Federal and State Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1383 (E.D.N.Y.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for consumers who purchased Cipro, the top selling antibiotic in the world. Plaintiffs allege that Bayer Corporation, Barr Laboratories, two other generic drug companies, and other defendants entered into an unlawful agreement to



keep a generic version of the drug off the market that allowed Bayer to sell Cipro at inflated prices. Lieff Cabraser also represents purchasers of Cipro in a class action lawsuit filed in California state court. In July 2004, the California Court of Appeal upheld the trial court's grant of class certification of an antitrust and unfair competition action against defendants.

16. ***Pharmaceutical Cases I, II, and III***, J.C.C.P. Nos. 2969, 2971 & 2972 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead and Co-Liaison Counsel representing a certified class of indirect purchasers (consumers) on claims against the major pharmaceutical manufacturers for violations of the Cartwright Act and the Unfair Competition Act. The class alleged that defendants unlawfully fixed discriminatory prices on prescription drugs to retail pharmacists in comparison with the prices charged to certain favored purchasers, including HMOs and mail order houses. In April 1999, the Court approved a settlement providing \$148 million in free, brand-name prescription drugs to health agencies that serve California's poor and uninsured. In October 2001, the Court approved a settlement with the remaining defendants in the case, which provided an additional \$23 million in free, brand-name prescription drugs to these agencies.
17. ***Coalition for Elders' Independence, Inc. v. Biovail Corporation***, No. CV023320 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser serves as Co-Lead Counsel for class of consumers who purchased the drug Adalat, also known as Nifedipine. Plaintiffs allege that two generic manufacturers of Adalat entered into an agreement to allocate the dosages markets for generic Adalat, thereby substantially reducing competition and unlawfully inflating prices on both generic and brand-name Adalat, in violation of state antitrust laws.
18. ***In re Electrical Carbon Products Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1514 (D.N.J.). Lieff Cabraser represents the City and County of San Francisco and a class of direct purchasers of carbon brushes and carbon collectors on claims that producers fixed the price of carbon brushes and carbon collectors in violation of the Sherman Act.
19. ***Electrical Carbon Products Cases***, J.C.C.P. No. 4294 (San Francisco Superior Court). Lieff Cabraser represents the City and County of San Francisco and a class of indirect purchasers of carbon brushes and carbon collectors on claims that producers fixed the price of carbon brushes and carbon collectors in violation of the Cartwright Act and the Unfair Competition Law. Lieff Cabraser also represents the People of the State of California in claims arising from the Unfair Competition Law.
20. ***In re Compact Disc Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1216 (C.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for the direct purchasers of



compact discs on claims that the producers fixed the price of CDs in violation of the federal antitrust laws.

21. ***In re Carpet Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1075 (N.D. Ga.). Lief Cabraser served as Class Counsel and a member of the trial team for a class of direct purchasers of twenty-ounce level loop polypropylene carpet. Plaintiffs, distributors of polypropylene carpet, alleged that Defendants, seven manufacturers of polypropylene carpet, conspired to fix the prices of polypropylene carpet by agreeing to eliminate discounts and charge inflated prices on the carpet. In 2001, the Court approved a \$50 million settlement of the case.
22. ***In re Lasik/PRK Antitrust Litigation***, No. CV 772894 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lief Cabraser served as a member of Plaintiffs' Executive Committee in class actions brought on behalf of persons who underwent Lasik/PRK eye surgery. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants, the manufacturers of the laser system used for the laser vision correction surgery, manipulated fees charged to ophthalmologists and others who performed the surgery, and that the overcharges were passed onto consumers who paid for laser vision correction surgery. In December 2001, the Court approved a \$12.5 million settlement of the litigation.
23. ***In re Toys 'R' Us Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1211 (E.D.N.Y.). Lief Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel representing a class of direct purchasers (consumers) who alleged that Toys 'R' Us conspired with the major toy manufacturers to boycott certain discount retailers in order to restrict competition and inflate toy prices. In February 2000, the Court approved a settlement of cash and product of over \$56 million.
24. ***In re Travel Agency Commission Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1058 (D. Minn.). Lief Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel for a certified class of U.S. travel agents on claims against the major U.S. air carriers, who allegedly violated the federal antitrust laws by fixing the commissions paid to travel agents. In 1997, the Court approved an \$82 million settlement.
25. ***Sanitary Paper Cases I & II***, J.C.C.P. Nos. 4019 & 4027 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lief Cabraser served as Liaison Counsel on behalf of indirect purchasers of commercial paper products. Plaintiffs alleged that from 1993 to 2000 Defendants fixed the price of commercial tissue, toilet paper, toilet seat covers, and other commercial paper products in violation of the Cartwright Act and Unfair Competition Act. In February 2001, the Court approved a \$3 million settlement of the case.
26. ***Schwartz v. National Football League***, No. 97-CV-5184 (E.D. Pa.). Lief Cabraser served as counsel for individuals who purchased the "NFL Sunday Ticket" package of private satellite transmissions in litigation

against the National Football League for allegedly violating the Sherman Act by limiting the distribution of television broadcasts of NFL games by satellite transmission to one package. In August 2001, the Court approved of a class action settlement that included: (1) the requirement that defendants provide an additional weekly satellite television package known as Single Sunday Ticket for the 2001 NFL football season, under certain circumstances for one more season, and at the defendants' discretion thereafter; (2) a \$7.5 million settlement fund to be distributed to class members; (3) merchandise coupons entitling class members to discounts at the NFL's Internet store which the parties value at approximately \$3 million; and (4) \$2.3 million to pay for administering the settlement fund and notifying class members.

27. ***In re Commercial Explosives Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1093 (D. Utah). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of direct purchasers of explosives used in mining operations. In 1998, the Court approved a \$77 million settlement of the litigation.
28. ***In re California Indirect-Purchaser X-Ray Antitrust Litigation***, No. 960886 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of indirect purchasers (consumers) of medical x-ray film who alleged violations of the Cartwright and Unfair Competition Acts. In 1998, the Court approved a \$3.75 million settlement of the litigation.
29. ***In re Brand Name Prescription Drugs***, MDL No. 997 (N.D. Ill.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel for a class of tens of thousands of retail pharmacies against the leading pharmaceutical manufacturers and wholesalers of brand name prescription drugs for alleged price-fixing from 1989 to 1995 in violation of the federal antitrust laws. Class Plaintiffs charged that defendants engaged in price discrimination against retail pharmacies by denying them discounts provided to hospitals, health maintenance organizations, and nursing homes. In 1996 and 1998, the Court approved settlements with certain manufacturers totaling \$723 million.
30. ***In re K-Dur Prescription Drug Antitrust Litigation***, MDL No. 1419. Lieff Cabraser serves as Class Counsel on behalf of indirect purchasers of K-Dur, a potassium supplement often prescribed in conjunction with high blood pressure medication. K-Dur is the fourth most frequently prescribed drug to seniors. The complaint alleges the defendants illegally agreed not to compete in the sale of K-Dur which prevented any generic version of K-Dur from coming onto the market.
31. ***In re Flat Glass Antitrust Litigation***, MDL 1200 (W.D. Pa.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of a class of direct purchasers of flat glass.

32. ***In re Linerboard Antitrust Litigation***, MDL 1261 (E.D. Pa.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of a class of direct purchasers of linerboard. The court recently approved a settlement totaling \$202 million.
33. ***Carbon Fiber Cases I, II, III***, J.C.C.P. Nos. 4212, 4216 & 4222 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Liaison Counsel on behalf of indirect purchasers of carbon fiber. Plaintiffs alleged that defendants illegally conspired to raise prices of carbon fiber. Settlements have been reached with all of the defendants.
34. ***Methionine Cases I and II***, J.C.C.P. Nos. 4090 & 4096 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of indirect purchasers of methionine, an amino acid used primarily as a poultry and swine feed additive to enhance growth and production. Plaintiffs allege that the companies illegally conspired to raise methionine prices to super-competitive levels. The case settled.
35. ***McIntosh v. Monsanto***, No. 4:01CV65RSW (E.D. Mo.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel in a class action lawsuit against Monsanto Company and others alleging that a conspiracy to fix prices on genetically modified Roundup Ready soybean seeds and Yieldgard corn seeds. The case settled.
36. ***Tortola Restaurants, L.P. v. Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing***, No. 314281 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Counsel on behalf of indirect purchasers of Scotch-brand invisible and transparent tape. Plaintiffs alleged that defendant 3M conspired with certain retailers to monopolize the sale of Scotch-brand tape in California. This case has been resolved as part of a nationwide settlement that Lieff Cabraser negotiated, along with co-counsel.

**F. Non-Personal Injury Defective Products**

1. ***Richison v. American Cemwood Corp.***, No. 005532 (San Joaquin Superior Ct., Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-lead Class Counsel for an estimated nationwide class of 30,000 owners of homes and other structures on which defective Cemwood Shakes were installed. In November 2003, the Court granted final approval to a \$75 million Phase 2 settlement in the American Cemwood roofing shakes national class action litigation. This amount was in addition to a \$65 million partial settlement approved by the Court in May 2000, and brought the litigation to a conclusion. The claims period runs through 2015.
2. ***Williams v. Weyerhaeuser***, No. 995787 (San Francisco Superior Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of hundreds of thousands or millions of owners of homes and other structures

with defective Weyerhaeuser hardboard siding. A California-wide class was certified for all purposes in February 1999, and withstood writ review by both the California Court of Appeal and Supreme Court of California. In 2000, the Court granted final approval to a nationwide settlement of the case which provides class members with compensation for their damaged siding, based on the cost of replacing or, in some instances, repairing, damaged siding. The settlement has no cap, and requires Weyerhaeuser to pay all timely, qualified claims over a nine year period. The claims program is underway and paying claims.

3. ***Foothill/DeAnza Community College District v. Northwest Pipe Company***, No. C-00-20749 (N.D. Cal.). In June 2004, the court approved the creation of a settlement fund of up to \$14.5 million for property owners nationwide with Poz-Lok fire sprinkler piping that fails. Since 1990, Poz-Lok pipes and pipe fittings were sold in the U.S. as part of fire suppression systems for use in residential and commercial buildings. After leaks in Poz-Lok pipes caused damage to its DeAnza Campus Center building, Foothill/DeAnza Community College District in California retained Lieff Cabraser to file a class action lawsuit against the manufacturers of Poz-Lok. The college district charged that Poz-Lok pipe had manufacturing and design defects that resulted in the premature corrosion and failure of the product. Under the settlement, owners whose Poz-Lok pipes are leaking today, or over the next 15 years, may file a claim for compensation.
4. ***Toshiba Laptop Screen Flicker Settlement***. Lieff Cabraser negotiated a settlement with Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. (“TAIS”) to provide relief for owners of certain Toshiba Satellite 1800 Series, Satellite Pro 4600 and Tecra 8100 personal notebook computers whose screens flickered, dimmed or went blank due to an issue with the FL Inverter Board component. Under the terms of the Settlement, owners of affected computers who paid to have the FL Inverter issue repaired by either TAIS or an authorized TAIS service provider recovered the cost of that repair, up to \$300 for the Satellite 1800 Series and the Satellite Pro 4600 personal computers, or \$400 for the Tecra 8100 personal computers. TAIS also agreed to extend the affected computers’ warranties for the FL Inverter issue by 18 months.
5. ***ABS Pipe Litigation***, JCCP No. 3126 (Contra Costa County Superior Ct., Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Class Counsel on behalf of property owners whose ABS plumbing pipe was allegedly defective and caused property damage by leaking. Six separate class actions were filed in California against five different ABS pipe manufacturers, numerous developers of homes containing the ABS pipe, as well as the resin supplier and the entity charged with ensuring the integrity of the product. Between 1998 and 2001, we achieved 12 separate settlements in the class actions and related individual lawsuits for approximately \$78 million.

Commenting on the work of Lieff Cabraser and co-counsel in the case, California Superior Court (now appellate) Judge Mark B. Simons stated on May 14, 1998: “The attorneys who were involved in the resolution of the case certainly entered the case with impressive reputations and did nothing in the course of their work on this case to diminish these reputations, but underlined, in my opinion, how well deserved those reputations are.”

6. ***McManus, et al. v. Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.***, No. SA-99-CA-464-FB (W.D. Tex.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of original owners of 1994-2000 model year Fleetwood Class A and Class C motor homes. In 2003, the Court approved a settlement that resolved lawsuits pending in Texas and California about braking while towing with 1994 Fleetwood Class A and Class C motor homes. The lawsuits alleged that Fleetwood misrepresented the towing capabilities of new motor homes it sold, and claimed that Fleetwood should have told buyers that a supplemental braking system is needed to stop safely while towing heavy items, such as a vehicle or trailer. The settlement paid \$250 to people who bought a supplemental braking system for Fleetwood motor homes that they bought new.
7. ***Cox v. Shell***, No. 18,844 (Obion County Chancery Ct., Tenn.). Lieff Cabraser served as Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of approximately 6 million owners of property equipped with defective polybutylene plumbing systems and yard service lines. In November 1995, the Court approved a settlement involving an initial commitment by Defendants of \$950 million in compensation for past and future expenses incurred as a result of pipe leaks, and to provide replacement pipes to eligible claimants. The settlement claims program will continue past 2010, under the continuing supervision of the trial court.
8. ***Naef v. Masonite***, No. CV-94-4033 (Mobile County Circuit Ct., Ala.). Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein served as Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide Class of an estimated 4 million homeowners with allegedly defective hardboard siding manufactured and sold by Masonite Corporation, a subsidiary of International Paper, on their homes. The Class was certified in November 1995, and the Alabama Supreme Court twice denied extraordinary writs seeking to decertify the Class, including in *Ex Parte Masonite*, 681 So. 2d 1068 (Ala. 1996). A month-long jury trial in 1996 established the factual predicate that Masonite hardboard siding was defective under the laws of most states. The case settled on the eve of a second Class-wide trial, and in January 1998, the Court approved a Class Settlement. Under the Settlement, Class members with failing Masonite hardboard siding installed and incorporated in their property between January 1, 1980 and January 15, 1998 can make claims over a multi-year claims program and have their homes evaluated by independent

inspectors. Class members with qualifying damage to their siding recover damages associated with the siding. To date, the Settlement has paid out over \$650 million to homeowners across the country, and claims continue to be made and paid.

9. ***In re Louisiana-Pacific Inner-Seal Siding Litigation***, No. C-95-879-JO (D. Or.). Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Lead Class Counsel on behalf of a nationwide class of homeowners with defective exterior siding on their homes. Plaintiffs asserted claims for breach of warranty, fraud, negligence, and violation of consumer protection statutes. On April 26, 1996, U.S. District Judge Robert E. Jones entered an Order, Final Judgment and Decree granting final approval to a nationwide settlement requiring Louisiana-Pacific to provide funding up to \$475 million to pay for inspection of homes and repair and replacement of failing siding over the next seven years.
10. ***In re Intel Pentium Processor Litigation***, No. CV 745729 (Santa Clara Sup. Ct., Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as one of two court appointed Co-Lead Class Counsel, and negotiated a settlement, approved by the Court in June 1995, involving both injunctive relief and damages having an economic value of approximately \$1 billion. The chip replacement program has been implemented, and is ongoing.
11. ***Gross v. Mobil***, No. C 95-1237-SI (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Class Counsel in this nationwide action involving an estimated 2,500 aircraft engine owners whose engines were affected by Mobil AV-1, an aircraft engine oil. Plaintiffs alleged claims for strict liability, negligence, misrepresentation, violation of consumer protection statutes, and for injunctive relief. Plaintiffs obtained a preliminary injunction requiring Defendant Mobil Corporation to provide notice to all potential class members of the risks associated with past use of Defendants' aircraft engine oil. In addition, Plaintiffs negotiated a proposed Settlement, granted final approval by the Court in November 1995, valued at over \$12.5 million, under which all Class Members were eligible to participate in an engine inspection and repair program, and receive compensation for past repairs and for the loss of use of their aircraft associated with damage caused by Mobil AV-1.
12. ***In re General Motors Corp. Pick-Up Fuel Tank Products Liability Litigation***, MDL No. 961. Lieff Cabraser served as court-appointed Co-Lead Counsel representing a class of 4.7 million plaintiffs who owned 1973-1987 GM C/K pickup trucks with allegedly defective gas tanks. The Consolidated Complaint asserted claims under the Lanham Act, the Magnuson-Moss Act, state consumer protection statutes, and common law. In 1995, the Third Circuit vacated the District Court settlement approval order and remanded the matter to the District Court for further proceedings. In July 1996, a new nationwide class action was certified for



purposes of an enhanced settlement program valued at a minimum of \$600 million, plus funding for independent fuel system safety research projects. Final approval was granted in November 1996.

13. ***Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp.***, No. C-95-2010-CAL (N.D. Cal.). In 1995, the district court approved a \$200+ million settlement enforcing Chrysler's comprehensive minivan rear latch replacement program, and to correct alleged safety problems with Chrysler's pre-1995 designs. As part of the settlement, Chrysler agreed to replace the rear latches with redesigned latches. The settlement was affirmed on appeal by the Ninth Circuit in *Hanlon v. Chrysler Corp.*, 150 F.3d 1011 (1998).

#### **G. Environmental and Toxic Exposures**

1. ***In re Unocal Refinery Litigation***, No. C 94-04141 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lieff Cabraser served as one of two Co-Lead Class Counsel and on the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee in this action against Union Oil Company of California ("Unocal") arising from a series of toxic releases from Unocal's San Francisco refinery in Rodeo, California. The action was settled in 1997 on behalf of approximately 10,000 individuals for \$80 million.
2. ***Kentucky Coal Sludge Litigation***. On October 11, 2000, near Inez, Kentucky, a coal waste storage facility ruptured, spilling 300 million gallons of coal sludge (a wet mixture produced by the treatment and cleaning of coal) into waterways in the region and contaminating hundreds of properties. This was one of the worst environmental disasters in the Southeastern United States. With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented over 400 clients in property damage claims, including claims for diminution in the value of their homes and properties. In April 2003, the parties reached a confidential settlement agreement on favorable terms to the plaintiffs.
3. ***Toms River Childhood Cancer Incidents***. With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented 69 families in Toms River, New Jersey, each with a child having cancer, that claimed the cancers were caused by environmental contamination in the Toms River area. Commencing in 1998, the parties – the 69 families, Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Union Carbide and United Water Resources, Inc., a water distributor in the area – participated in an unique alternative dispute resolution process, which led to a fair and efficient consideration of the factual and scientific issues in the matter. In December 2001, under the supervision of a mediator, a confidential settlement favorable to the families was reached.
4. ***In re Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Litigation*** (District of Alaska/Alaska Sup. Ct.). The Exxon Valdez ran aground in March of 1989, spilling 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound. Lieff Cabraser served as one of



the court-appointed Plaintiffs' Class Counsel. The class consisted of 32,000 fisherman, Alaska natives, landowners and others whose livelihoods were gravely affected by the disaster. In addition, Lieff served on the Class Trial Team in 1994. A class action jury trial was held in federal court in 1994. That jury awarded \$5 billion in punitive damages to the plaintiff class. The punitive damages award has been on repeated appeal by the Exxon Corporation ever since. In 2001, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the original \$5 billion punitive damages verdict was excessive. In 2002, U.S. District Court Judge H. Russell Holland reinstated the award at \$4 billion. Judge Holland stated that, "Exxon officials knew that carrying huge volumes of crude oil through Prince William sound was a dangerous business, yet they knowingly permitted a relapsed alcoholic to direct the operation of the Exxon Valdez through Prince William Sound." In 2003, the Ninth Circuit again directed Judge Holland to reconsider the punitive damages award under United States Supreme Court punitive damages guidelines. In January 2004, Judge Holland issued his order finding that Supreme Court authority did not change the Court's earlier analysis. In December 2006, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued its ruling, setting the punitive damages award at \$2.5 billion. The case remains on appeal.

5. ***West v. G&H Seed Co., Aventis CropSciences USA, LLP, et al.***, No. 99-C-4984-A (La. State Ct). With co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represented a class of 1,500 Louisiana crawfish farmers. The farmers sued Bayer CropScience LP claiming the pesticide ICON killed their crawfish and caused economic ruin. In 2004, the Court granted approved a \$45 million settlement. The settlement was reached after the parties had presented nearly a month's worth of evidence at trial, and were on the verge of making closing arguments to the jury.
6. ***Craft v. Vanderbilt University***, Civ. No. 3-94-0090 (M.D. Tenn.). Lieff Cabraser served as Lead Counsel of a certified class of over 800 pregnant women and their children who were intentionally fed radioactive iron without their consent while receiving prenatal care at defendant Vanderbilt's hospital in the 1940's. The facts surrounding the administration of radioactive iron to the pregnant women and their children *in utero* came to light as a result of Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary's 1993 disclosures of government sponsored human radiation experimentation during the Cold War. Defendants' attempts to dismiss the claims and decertify the class were unsuccessful. The case was settled in July 1998 for a total of \$10.3 million and a formal apology from Vanderbilt.
7. ***In re GCC Richmond Works Cases***, J.C.C.P. No. 2906. Lieff Cabraser served as Co-Liaison Counsel and Lead Class Counsel in coordinated litigation arising out of the release of a massive toxic sulfuric acid cloud which injured an estimated 50,000 residents of Richmond, California on

July 26, 1993. The Coordination Trial Court granted final approval to a \$180 million class settlement for exposed residents.

8. ***In re Sacramento River Spill Cases I and II***, J.C.C.P. Nos. 2617 & 2620 (Cal. Supr. Ct.). Lief Cabraser served as Court-appointed Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel, Lead Class Counsel, and chaired the Plaintiffs' Litigation Committee in an action arising out of a July 14, 1991 Southern Pacific train derailment and toxic spill near Dunsmuir, California. Settlement proceeds of approximately \$16 million were distributed pursuant to Court approval of a plan of allocation to four certified plaintiff classes: personal injury, business loss, property damage/diminution, and evacuation.

## **H. Aviation Law**

1. ***In re Air Crash near Athens, Greece on August 14, 2005***, MDL No. 1773. On August 14, 2005, a Boeing 737 operating as Helios Airways flight 522 crashed north of Athens, Greece, resulting in the deaths of all passengers and crew. The aircraft was heading from Larnaca, Cyprus to Athens International Airport when ground controllers lost contact with the pilots, who had radioed in to report problems with the air conditioning system. Press reports about the official investigation indicate that a single switch for the pressurization system on the plane was not properly set by the pilots, and eventually both were rendered unconscious, along with most of the passengers and cabin crew. Lief Cabraser represents the families of several victims, and filed complaints alleging that a series of design defects in the Boeing 737-300 contributed to the pilots' failure to understand the nature of the problems they were facing. Foremost among those defects was a confusing pressurization warning "horn" which uses the same sound that alerts pilots to improper takeoff and landing configurations. The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation recently granted Lief Cabraser's motion to consolidate all Helios cases before the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago, where the headquarters of The Boeing Company are located and where Lief Cabraser filed its clients' cases.
2. ***Crash of West Caribbean Airways Flight 708***. On August 16, 2005, a McDonnell Douglas MD-82 operated by West Caribbean Airways lost engine power and crashed near La Cucharita, Venezuela, during a flight from Panama City to Fort de France, Martinique. Martinique is a province of France. A large number of the victims' families retained French attorneys to represent them. In light of Lief Cabraser's work on the Flash Air case (see below), those French attorneys asked Lief Cabraser to advise them on the substance of U.S. laws which may be applicable to a claim against The Boeing Company (successor to McDonnell Douglas) or Pratt & Whitney, the manufacturer of the aircraft's engines. Lief Cabraser now serves in that advisory capacity.

3. ***Crash of Manhattan Tourist Helicopter.*** On June 14, 2005 a Bell 206 helicopter operated by Helicopter Flight Services, Inc. fell into the East River shortly after taking off for a tourist flight over New York City. The pilot and six passengers were immersed upside-down in the water as the helicopter overturned. Lieff Cabraser represents a passenger on the helicopter.
4. ***Crash of "Legend" Aircraft in Tucson, AZ.*** On November 19, 2005, a single engine "Turbine Legend" kit plane operated by its owner crashed shortly after takeoff from a private airstrip in Tucson, Arizona, killing both the owner/pilot and a passenger. Lieff Cabraser represents the widow of the passenger. Witnesses report that the aircraft left the narrow runway during the takeoff roll and although the pilot managed to get the plane airborne, it rolled to the left and crashed. Lieff Cabraser is investigating the liability of the pilot and others, including the manufacturer of the kit and the operator of the airport from which the plane took off. The runway was 16 feet narrower than the minimum width recommended by the Federal Aviation Administration.
5. ***Crash of Air Algerie Boeing 737.*** Together with French co-counsel, Lieff Cabraser represents the families of several passengers who died in the March 6, 2003 crash of a Boeing 737 airplane operated by Air Algerie. The aircraft crashed soon after takeoff from the Algerian city of Tamanrasset, after one of the engines failed. All but one of the 97 passengers were killed, along with six crew members.
6. ***Crash of Flash Air Boeing 737.*** On January 3, 2004, all 148 passengers and crew were killed when a Flash Airlines Boeing 737 plunged into the Red Sea off the coast of Egypt, after the pilots encountered a malfunction in the flight control system. Most of the passengers were from France and were vacationing at the seaside resort of Sharm el Sheikh. After the families retained French attorneys to represent them, those French attorneys conducted several rounds of interviews of U.S. law firms with the intention of engaging one of those firms to file an action in the United States against Boeing, which manufactured the aircraft in the United States. Lieff Cabraser was selected to be that firm, and filed complaints in federal court in Los Angeles on behalf of the families of more than 120 victims. Although the U.S. District Court ruled that the case could be more conveniently tried in France, the plaintiffs have contested the jurisdiction of the French court over the case against Boeing. If the French courts rule against jurisdiction, the case in the United States will be reactivated. Otherwise, Lieff Cabraser will act as consultants to the French attorneys on technical issues and questions of U.S. law.
7. ***Tower Collision of U.S. Army Blackhawk Helicopter.*** Lieff Cabraser represents the family of a pilot who died in the November 29, 2004 crash of a U.S. Army Black Hawk Helicopter. The Black Hawk was flying

during the early morning hours at an altitude of approximately 500 feet when it hit cables supporting a 1,700 foot-tall television tower, and subsequently crashed 30 miles south of Waco, Texas, killing both pilots and five passengers, all in active Army service. The tower warning lights required by FCC regulations were inoperative, and the aviation and weather experts retained by Lieff Cabraser will testify that had the lights been operating as they should have, the helicopter's pilots would have been warned away from the tower before they hit the cable. LCHB will be filing an action shortly.

8. ***Crash of China Eastern Airlines Bombardier CRJ200.*** Lieff Cabraser represents families of over 30 passengers who died in the November 21, 2004, crash of China Yunnan Airlines Flight 5210. The plane, a Bombardier CRJ-200 built in Canada with engines from a General Electric plant in Massachusetts, was headed for Shanghai with 47 passengers and six crew members when it crashed into a lake, seconds after taking off from Baotou, Inner Mongolia. The lawsuit filed by Lieff Cabraser in the Los Angeles Superior Court alleges that the crash was the result of a combination of pilot error and defects in the aircraft and its engines. The defendants' attempt to transfer the case to the federal court failed when Lieff Cabraser's motion to remand was granted by that court. The case is now pending in the Los Angeles Superior Court.
9. ***Crash of Macedonian Presidential Aircraft.*** Lieff Cabraser represents the families of 8 victims of the February 26, 2004 crash of a Beech King Air 200 in Bosnia-Herzegovina. The crash killed the President of Macedonia, Boris Trajkovski, and a number of his advisors and cabinet members.
10. ***Crash of Mandala Airlines Flight 91.*** On September 5, 2005, a Boeing 737 operating as Mandala Flight 091 crashed immediately after takeoff from the airport in Medan, Indonesia, killing 101 of the 117 people on board, as well as 44 people on the ground. Lieff Cabraser represents a number of injured persons and families of deceased victims.
11. ***Aeroflot-Russian International Airlines Airbus Disaster.*** Lieff Cabraser represented the families of passengers who were on Aeroflot-Russian International Airlines Flight SU593 that crashed in Siberia on March 23, 1994. The plane was in route from Moscow to Hong Kong. All passengers on board died. According to a transcript of the cockpit voice recorder, the pilot's two children entered the cockpit during the flight and took turns flying the plane. The autopilot apparently was inadvertently turned off during this time, and the pilot was unable to remove his son from the captain's seat in time to avert the plane's fatal dive. Lieff Cabraser, alongside French co-counsel, filed suit in France, where Airbus, the plane's manufacturer, was headquartered. All the families Lieff

Cabraser represented obtained substantial economic recoveries in settlement of the action.

12. ***United Airlines Boeing 747 Disaster***, MDL No. 807 (N.D. Cal.). Lieff Cabraser served as Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel on behalf of the passengers and families of passengers injured and killed in the United Airlines Boeing 747 cargo door catastrophe near Honolulu, Hawaii on February 24, 1989. Lieff Cabraser organized the litigation of the case, which included claims brought against United Airlines and The Boeing Company. Among our work, we developed a statistical system for settling the passengers' and families' damages claims with certain defendants, and coordinated the prosecution of successful individual damages trials for wrongful death against the non-settling defendants.
13. ***German Air Force Lockheed F-104 Star Fighter Litigation:*** In the late 1960s and extending into the early 1970s, the United States sold F-104 Star Fighter jets to the German Air Force that were manufactured by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in California. Although the F-104 Star Fighter was designed for high-altitude fighter combat, it was used in Germany and other European countries for low-level bombing and attack training missions. Consequently, the aircraft had an extremely high crash rate, with over 300 pilots killed. Commencing in 1971, the law firm of Belli Ashe Ellison Choulos & Lieff filed hundreds of lawsuits for wrongful death and other claims on behalf of the widows and surviving children of the pilots. Robert Lieff continued to prosecute the cases after the formation of our firm. In 1974, the lawsuits were settled with Lockheed on terms favorable to the plaintiffs. This litigation helped establish the principle that citizens of foreign countries could assert claims in United States courts, and obtain substantial recoveries, against an American manufacturer based upon airplane accidents or crashes occurring outside of the United States.

#### **I. International and Human Rights Litigation**

1. ***Holocaust Cases.*** Lieff Cabraser is one of the leading firms that prosecuted claims by Holocaust survivors and the heirs of Holocaust survivors and victims against banks and private manufacturers and other corporations who enslaved and/or looted the assets of Jews and other minority groups persecuted by the Nazi Regime during the Second World War era. We serve as Settlement Class Counsel in the case against the Swiss banks that the Court approved a U.S. \$1.25 billion settlement in July 2000. Lieff Cabraser donated its attorneys' fees in the Swiss Banks case, in the amount of \$1.5 million, to endow a Human Rights clinical chair at Columbia University Law School. We were also active in slave labor and property litigation against German and Austrian defendants, and Nazi-era banking litigation against French banks. In connection therewith, Lieff Cabraser participated in multi-national negotiations that led to

Executive Agreements establishing an additional approximately U.S. \$5 billion in funds for survivors and victims of Nazi persecution. Our website provides links to the websites of settlement and claims administrators in these cases.

Commenting on the work of Lief Cabraser and co-counsel in the litigation against private German corporations, entitled *In re Holocaust Era German Industry, Bank & Insurance Litigation* (MDL No. 1337), U.S. District Court Judge William G. Bassler stated on November 13, 2002:

Up until this litigation, as far as I can tell, perhaps with some minor exceptions, the claims of slave and forced labor fell on deaf ears. You can say what you want to say about class actions and about attorneys, but the fact of the matter is, there was no attention to this very, very large group of people by Germany, or by German industry until these cases were filed. . . . What has been accomplished here with the efforts of the plaintiffs' attorneys and defense counsel is quite incredible. . . I want to thank counsel for the assistance in bringing us to where we are today. Cases don't get settled just by litigants. It can only be settled by competent, patient attorneys.

2. ***Cruz v. U.S., Estados Unidos Mexicanos, Wells Fargo Bank, et al.***, No. 01-0892-CRB (N.D. Cal.). In April 2001, Lief Cabraser filed a class action on behalf of contract workers (known as "Braceros") who came from Mexico to the United States pursuant to bilateral agreements from 1942 through 1949 to aid American farms and industries hurt by employee shortages. The agreements provided that ten percent of the Braceros' wages would be withheld from them and transferred via United States and Mexican banks to savings accounts for each Bracero. Plaintiffs claim they were never reimbursed for the portion of their wages placed in the forced savings accounts. In June 2005, U.S. District Court Judge Charles Breyer denied motions to dismiss filed by Mexico and the Mexican banks charged with illegally withholding the savings funds from the Braceros in an extensive opinion, permitting the case to go forward against the Mexican defendants. The case is pending on appeal in the Ninth Circuit Court.
3. ***Ali, et al. v. Rumsfeld***, No. 05-C-1201 (N.D. Ill.) On March 1, 2005, Lief Cabraser joined the ACLU and Human Rights First in representing seven individuals who claim that they were tortured by American military forces when they were held in U.S. Army detention facilities in Iraq and Afghanistan. Numerous Defense Department reports have found that torture was "widespread." The suit alleges that Defense Secretary Donald



Rumsfeld and high-ranking military commanders were responsible for authorizing torture or failing to stop torture after they learned of it. A former Rear Admiral and former Brigadier General also serve as co-counsel. The consolidated case is pending in the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

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